Van Cleve family

5th gen.
Chr. of Aaron Jr.
Cary Allen b. Aug.23,1802, d.May 14,1865, m.Dec.16,1823 Sarah Beam, b.Oct.20,1805, d.Aug.15,1840 He m. 2d Pauline Bell
John B. married Sarah Van Cleve, his 1st cousin
William
Joseph
Samuel
Polly m. Mr. Love
Ellen m. Mr. Bailey
Rachel m. Mr. Shadows
Mrs. Philips
Betsy

Chr. of John (b,1749)
Benjamin b, Feb,24,1773; d.Nov.21,1821; m.Aug.28,1800, Mary Whitten b.Feb.17, 1782; d.Dec.28,1810 He was the eldest of 4 sons and 5 daughters

6th gen.
Children of Benjamin (b.1773)
John Whitten, b.June 27,1801, was the first white child b. in Dayton co.O. at the age of 19 his father was despatch carrier between Maj.Gen "Mad" Anthony Wayne and Sec. of War Knox. Van Cleave and Cooper were the first settlers of Dayton,O.
William James b.Oct.10,1803
Mary Cornelia b.Dec.2,1807
Sarah Sophia b. Nov.24,1809; d.Oct.18,1839; m.Feb.11,1830 David C.Baker b.1808; d.1884
(David C. Baker b.1808,d.1884)

7th gen. Sarah Sophia Van Cleave Baker had chr.-
Mary S.; Clara B.; Charles G. and David
David was b.May 30,1839 he m. Jane C Hawkins, b.1840,d.Jan.10,1892
Their chr. (8th gen.) were-
Ida Hernietta, Frank, Flora Van Cleave, Helen
David C.; Nathan H.; Sarah S. and John V.

9th gen. Della Van Cleave Baker, dau. of David C.

6th gen. con.

6th gen. con.

Henry Mason b.Jan.8,1825; d.Jan.21,1858; m.Feb.28,1848
Eliza Jane Burke b.Aug.19,1829, d.Aug.28,1911

Alfred
Edward
Cary
Joshua
Ann
Elizabeth
Rachel
Sarah

John B.
Jackson
Marcus Thomas
Alphonso
Lewis
Thomas P.
Anne Belle
Joseph

7th gen. con. Chr. of Henry Mason Van Cleave
James Wallace, son of Henry Mason(b.1825) b.Jul.15,1849
d.May 15,1910; m.Mar.22,1871 Katie L. Jefferson
b.Oct.3,1849, d.June 1,1928

Sarah Jane
Luella Henry

8th gen. Chr. James Wallace Van Cleave

Edith Corrine
Hiram
Giles Bell
LeeWallace
Harry F.
Wilhelmina
Brenton Gardner

Van Cleve chart

1st gen.
Jan or John came from Amsterdam,Holland to America in 1650 settling at Fkatbush,Long Island

2d gen.
Isabrant married Jane Vanderbilt,sister of Commodore Vanedrbilts grandgather on Staten Island
He had three brothers, one lived on Long Island, descendants of another settled between Trenton and New Brunswick, N.J. and another settled near Pleasant Valley, Monmouth co,N.J.

3d gen.
Aaron b,1710, d. 1780; buried Burning Rigg ? cemetery, forks Yakin river as is his wife m.1734 Rachel Schenck at Middleton,N.J. migrated to the forks of the Yadkin river, North Carolina. His wife's ancestry is traced 800 years in Holland. Gen. Robert C. Schenck was of the same family. The Benhams prominent in Ky. history

Benjamin b. Dec.1,1712; d.Jul.3,1775; m.Sept.9,1734 at Middleton, N.J. Rachel Covenhoven , b.1713; d. Mar.10,1801

John settled at Maidenhead, N. J.

Six sisters married and one d. single. Ann married a Wilson, lived near Brunswick,N.J.

4th gen.
Chr. of Aaronb.1710
Aaron Jr. b.-- d.1805, m.Rachel Brent, settled in Ky. 1785, died in Marion co,Ky.
See pages 8a and 8b
Benjamin went to Ky. with the Boones in 1775 He was b. Nov. 15,1741 in N.J. died Jul. 27,1819 Shelby co. m. Ruth Monzon in Rowan co. N.C. Jul. 11, 1765, she was b. Jul. 10 1746, died Dec. 5, 1823
John " " " " " " " "
William " " " " " " " "
Ralph " " " " his brother Aaron (of Col.Daniel Boone)
Jane married Squire Boone, youngest brother, ~~Kentuckycounty,xxxxlegislaturexxxx1785~~ educated for the Presbyterian ministry. Killed by Indians 1785. Was one of the two first representatives of Kentucky county in the legislater of Va. They wre married in 1785

Chr. of Benj. b.1712
John b,May 16,1749, d.June 1,1791, m.Aug.8,1772 at Brunswick,N.J. Catherine Benham
He was killed by Indians where Ciccinnati now standa, the settlement was then called Losantiville. He was a Revolutionary soldier
Benjamin b,Feb.26,1747
William b.1752, d.1813
Jane b.1756
Ann b.1754
Rachel b.1757
5 others

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1. There is nothing positive or definite known of the ancestors of John Van Cleef. There is reason to believe, however, that he was descended from one of the ancient dukes of Cleves, the hereditary line of which died out in 1609. There is a legend that the father of John Van Cleef was one of the eight rival claimants to the ducal throne of Cleves, when it was vacated, in 1609, by the death of the Duke, John William, without heirs. In 1614, by the treaty of Xanten, this duchy was awarded to John Sigismund, the Elector of Brandenburg. It was probably in this year that the father of John Van Cleef fled across the border into Holland, as a political exile, taking up his abode in Amsterdam. It is said that upon his arrival at Amsterdam someone recognizing him pointed him out as "Count Van Cleef." This legend survives in several branches of the family, but nowhere is his name preserved.

2. Jan Van Cleef was born in 1628 in Holland, probably at Amsterdam. Of his boyhood nothing is known, and the next mention that we have of him is in 1653, when he came to America. It is not known, definitely, where he first settled, but it was probably at Gravesend, on Long Island, for in 1656 he was mentioned as a farmer in that place. He soon moved to New Utrecht, however, and in 1659 he was mentioned as residing in that place. It is probable that he resided in New Utrecht the rest of his life.

When he came to America, Jan had some money, but he became bankrupt after residing here a number of years. He was owner, or part owner of a Horse-mill, bought of Jacob Van Cowenhoven in 1653, which he appears to have lost early.

On Tuesday, October 19, 1660, Jan appeared in Court in the City Hall in New Amsterdam. The following is the court record:

Burgomaster Allard Anthony, Arrestant and Plaintiff, versus Jan Van Cleef, arrested and defendant. The plaintiff demands of defendant a beaver and a half, or so much buckwheat at beaver price, for a hanger sold to the defendant. Defendant says that the plaintiff did not ask more than two skepels. He brought an ox last year to the plaintiff and he should give him over and above, two skepels of buckwheat for the hanger. Plaintiff replies that he can prove by his book that he sold the defendant the hanger for one and a half beavers. Demands the cost incurred, and requires that the defendant shall remain here as long as he has not satisfied him. For the bringing of the ox he will pay as others. The Court orders the plaintiff to prove that he sold the defendant the hanger: the arrest meanwhile remaining valid.

On the same day another charge was pressed against Jan Van Cleef. It was:

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Hendirck van Dyck, plaintiff, versus Titus Cyre and Jan Van Cleef, defendants. Plaintiff demands from defendants payment of fl.250 in Zeewan with costs, for purchase of a horse-mill. Defendant Titus Cyre says that Jan Van Cleef agreed to pay his part, which Jan Van Cleef being asked, answers, "Yes". Plaintiff replying demands therefore that defendant Jan Van Cleef shall be condemned to pay him fl.250 according to contract. Nicasius de Sille appearing requests that Jan Van Cleef shall remain in arrest until he has paid or has released him from the bail bond. The Court orders Jan Van Cleef to pay the fl.250 according to contract to the plaintiff, with costs, the arrest, meanwhile, remaining valid.

On Tuesday, October 26, 1660, Jan Again appeares in court, the record being as follows:

Burgomaster Allard Anthony, arrestant and plaintiff, versus John Van Cleef, arrested and defendant. Plaintiff pursuant to the order of the last court day proves by his book that he sold the defendant the hanger in question, and that defendant promised to give him as much buckwheat for it as his fowls could eat in one half year, but requires no more than a beaver and a half, for the same hanger cost him so much. Requires payment thereof and costs. Defendant denies to have bought the hanger from the plaintiff. Plaintiff coming in again was asked how much buckwheat he demands? Answers, as much as a beaver and a half amounts to, the buckwheat estimated at beaver's price, and as others would sell it for. The Court condemns the defendant to pay for the plaintiff's hanger 12 guilders in such grain as he can deliver at beaver price, with the costs of the suit, deducting what he earned as wages for bringing the ox, etc., the arrest, meanwhile remaining valid.

In 1661, prior to March 10, Jan Van Cleef Married Ingletje, the daughter of Laurens Pietersen. At the time of her marriage she was but fifteen years of age; Jan was thirty-three.

On Tuesday, March 28, 1662, Jan again appeared in court. The court record follows:

Allard Anthony, arrestant and plaintiff, versus Jan Van Cleef, arrested and defendant. Defendant in default. Plaintiff demands that the arrest on the defendant's person be declared valid, until he shall have satisfied the plaintiff for the judgement of the W. Court of this City dated October 26, 1660, with costs. The W. Court declares the arrest valid.

On Tuesday, October 3, 1662, Jan again appeared in Court. The court record follows:

Fiscal N. de Sille appears in Court with Jan Van Cleef and Titus Cyre stating that they bought Jacob van Cowenhoven's horse-mill and that Titus Cyre sold his share to Jan Van Cleef who sold it to Albert Albertsen Lintwever; on which aforesaid horse-mill he paid and disbursed above his just one-third part of the sum of 210 gilders, and that he and Albert Albertsen again sold the mill, as they had bought it, according to agreement therefore, to Jacobus Backer, Govert Lookermans, Jacques Cosseau and Hendrick van de Water, and that the aforesaid Albert Albertsen has given an assignment of 400 guilders on the above named van de Water, which remarking and fearing that he should not get his own, he directed the Court messenger to attach the money, which being done requests the attachment to be declared valid, until it shall be found to whom the most is belonging. The Worsh. 11 Court declares the attashment valid.

On December 23, 1662, Jan bought of Albert Albertse (Terhune) his patent of twenty-four mornens in New Utrect, which premises he conveyed to Balthazer de Vos, and De Vos conveyed to Hans Harmense Van Barkaloo April 6, 1669.

On February 14, 1664, Jan Van Cleef, along with others, appeared as a witness. At the time he was 36 years old. Jan said that on Saturday January 12th., last, John Schot, Captain of a troop of horse and foot, came to their village, making a great noise. Jan said that Schot said, "Ye shall no longer look upon Peter Stuyvesant, your Governor, as a private man, for he is a General no more;" he, John Schot, forbidding them, the deponents, to give him any property or make him any payments: and (if they must give, or had given any, that he, John Schot,) would insist that they should get it all back, and that he would apply to Pieter Stuyvesant for it and contrain him thereunto by the sword.

Note: This was in the form of a written declaration, and was signed by the witnesses.

Jan Van Cleef his mark.

Jan Van Cleef was a delegate from Brushwick Colony to the Representative Convention in New Amsterdam, April 10, 1664, to send delegates to Holland to represent to the States General and West Indies Company the distressed state of the country.

Nicholas De Meyer, merchant, died, seized of land in New Utrect, purchased January 9, 1670, from Jan Van Cleef.

Jan's name appears in a list of members of the Dutch Church of New Utrect 1677-1685.

On December 27, 1677, he bought of Aris Williemse(Bennet) a pasture lot in New Utrect, for which, in exchange Arie conveyed to him lots No. 6 and 7 at Yellow Hoek; where Jan also owned lots No. 13 and 14.

In 1678 Jan was constable of New Utrect.

Jan Van Cleef and his wife leased, for a term of 99 years, a piece of land in New Utrect "betwixt those of the said Jan Van Cleef and Jan Thomas marked No. 3, between 11 and 12 morgans, or 25 acres, more or less" to John Darvall, March 22, 1686, for the sum of 32 pounds and 5 shillings, or 1290 guilders.

In 1686 he received a patent,or grant, in New Utrect, from Gov. Dongan.

He owned 2½ lots at Yellow Hoek, which he appears to have disposed of in 1691.

In consequence of his old age, the heirs of Nicholas de Meyer, in 1691, in payment of money advanced, agreed that he should occupy, during life, a farm, which their father had bought of him.

The Inventory of the estate of Jacques Cortiliow was registered for Jaques Cortiliow, of New Town, Kings County, on the Island of Nassau, January 20, 169 -, by Jan Van Cleef and John Van Dyck, inhabitants of New Utrect.

Jan Van Cleef must have died about 1699, but it is impossible to even approximate the date of the death of his wife.

3. Catherine, daughter of Jan Van Cleef, was baptized October 23, 1681.

Benjamine, a son of Jan Van Cleef, was baptized November 25, 1683. He spent his early life in New Utrect, but as early as 1707 he moved to Monmouth County New Jersey,settling at Freehold. He married, as early as 1711, Hendrickje Van Sutphen, for in that year she was mentioned as belonging to the Monmouth County Church. She was baptized December 18, 1681, at Flatlands and was, at the time of her marriage to Benjamin Van Cleef, the widow of Pieter Turckse. Her father was derick Janse Van Sutphen, who emigrated from Zutphen or Sutphen, in Gelterland, in 1651. He married Lysbeth Van Nuyse, and died about 1706, or 1707. Benjamin Van Cleef married a second time, but the name of this wife is not preserved. He died October 6, 1747, aged 63 years, nine months, and seven days, leaving a will dated September 26, 1747, and written in Monmouth County. Extracts from it follows:

His eldest son, John, is to receive the land whereon he lives, in Freehold purchased of Daniel Grandin and John Benham, Formerly Hendrick Lip s, deceased. His daughter, Elizabeth, the wife of William Cownover is mentioned. His son, Richard, is to receive the land whereon he lives, purchased by testator from William and John, sons of Alexander Clark, which land adjoines the road to Mt. Pleasant. His daughter, Ellen, the wife of Hendrick van Derbilt, is mentioned.

His son, Benjamin, is to receive the land whereon he lives, which was bought from Jejannes Coart. His daughters, Ale, the wife of William Beard, and Mary, the wife of John Brocaw, are also mentioned. The executors are to be his sons: John, Richard, and Benjamin, and a friend John Bowne. The witnesses were: David, Elbert, and Arthur Williamson. The will was proved November 12, 1747.

There has been some discussion about the children of Benjamin Van Cleef, and the authorities differ. In this place I have put the children according to Tunis Bergen, who is, perhaps, the outstanding authority on New Netherlands genealogy. A list of the other authorities, and their opinions will be found in the notes.

Issue:

Lysbeth, Baptized May 19, 1705. Married William Cownhoven of New Jersey.

Johannes of New Jersey, baptized June 3, 1711, married (first) Maria Koffert, married (second) Sarah Cowenhoven.

Derick of New Jersey, baptized May 3, 1713.

Marike, baptized October 6, 1715, married Jan Berken.

Derk of New Jersey, baptized December 21, 1718, married Elizabeth Leek.

Benjamin of New Jersey, baptized December 3, 1721, married Helen Cowenhoven.

Nelke.

Laurens of New Jersey, ~~xbaptizedx~~ married Jannette Laan. (For this Laurens and his decendents, see Poole, "Jan Van Cleef and some of his decendants.")

Helena, married John Brower of New Jersey.

(Suppose) Elsje, married William Beyet of New Jersey.

(Suppose) Antje, married Mr. Wilson of New Jersey.

The children of Benjamin Van Cleef whose baptisms are given were baptized at Freehold, Monmouth County, New Jersey.

Joseph, a son of Jan Van Cleef, was, probably, the twin brother of Benjamin Van Cleef, as they were both baptized the same day, November 25, 1683. Joseph was a soldier in Captain Timothy Bagley's Company, Horse, Queens County, New York, in 1715. He married Catherine Rappleye (the daughter of Daniel Rappleye), and had a daughter, Sarah, baptized September 25, 1709.

Angelica, a daughter of Jan Van Cleef, was married March 4, 1701, to John Emans, of Gravesend. She died in 1756.

Ceytie, a daughter of Jan Van Cleef, ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ was baptized May 13, 1688.

Isabrant Van Cleef, a son of Jan Van Cleef, was probably born in 1678, as he was mentioned in the Staten Island Census of 1706 as being 28 years ~~xxx~~ of age. He resided in New Utrecht in early life, where he was a grand juror in the sessions of 1699. On December 11, 1700, land was sold in New Utrecht by a group of people, which was bounded by land belonging to Isabrant Van Cleef.

For some time he resided on, or in the vicinity of, Staten Island, Richmond County, New York, for he was on the census of that place in 1706, was mentioned as living there in 1708, and witnessed a baptism there July 26, 1711. However he must have moved to New York later, for he was a butcher in that place, registered as such December 15, 1713, on the list of the freemen of New York, 1713-14. He ultimately settles in Monmouth County, New Jersey, and he sold land there to Andrew Wilson which " lies between the road that goes to the widow Hendrickson's, and the King's Highway." He married Jannetje van der Bilt and had several children. His marriage record follows:

den 31 August 1714
Met Attest
Eyzebrand Van Cleef v. Midwout
Jannetje van der Bilt
Alida Turk H. V. V. Willem Beck V Kingstown

1682. Jennetje van der Bilt was baptized in Brooklyn, September 17, 1682.

Issue.
Aaron, married Rachel Schenck in 1734, died in 1780.
Benjamin, baptized April 19, 1715, married Racheal Cowenhoven.
Mary, bptized January 1, 1716.
John.
Cornelius, resided on Staten Island, where he married Sara Marshall.
Janneke, Baptized March 8, 1720.

Nelke, a daughter of Jan Van Cleef, married John Van Meterson, of N. J.

Cornelius, a son of Jan Van Cleef took the oath of allegience in New Utrecht, in 1687, as a native. He married Femmetje Vanderventer. On March 10, 1704-5 he sold a house and village plot in New Utrecht to Anthony Holsart of Hulst, as per Lib. 4 of Con. On April 30, 1706, he sold (hailing from Gravesend) to Jacues Cortelyou his interest in the tract on Gravesend or New Utrecht Bay, lying east of Cortelyou's lane, commonly known as the gun-field from a block house being located in it in the last war with Great Britain, and known on a map on file in the office of the register of King's County as Brighton or La Grange, as per an unrecorded deed among the Isaac Cortelyou papers. In 1708 he was assessed for 18 acres. August 10, 1708, he sold to Joost Van Brunt the plot of 21 acres on the road from the village of New Utrecht to the Narrows, commonly known as the Island, as per an unrecorded deed among the Leffert papers. On September 26, 1713, he sold to Cornelius Van Brunt a 28 acre tract fronting on Gravesend and New Utrecht Bay, east of the gun-field, and west of De Bruyenne's lane, covering the land at present occupied by the Bath Hotel and adjoining ~~xxx~~ premises, as per a deed among the Rutger Van Brunt's papers. His name appears on the New Utrecht assessment roll of 1693 and on the Gravesend census of 1698. He made his mark to documents.

Issue.
John of Gravesend married Catherine ----------
Laurens, baptized April 25, 1696. Resided in New Jersey.
(suppose) Maria or Marretje.

Rebecca, a daughter of Jan Van Cleef, was married November 4, 1693 to Andrew Emans, of Gravesend.

1. Aaron, a son of Isabrant Van Cleef, was, presumably, born in New York. As far as it is known he was the first to spell the name "Van Cleave". He married in 1734, Rachael Schenck, at Middleton, New Jersey, whence he came with his father and mother, brothers and sisters. On Ocyober 18, 1737, Rueben Runyon and Aaron Van Cleave were appointed chimney-viewers of New Brunswick, and at that time Mayor James Hude took office, that town was credited with Ninety-one freeholders, among them being Aaron and Benjamin Van Cleave. Therefore Aaron must have removed to New Brunswick soon after his marriage. In 1751 Aaron migrated from New Brunswick to the forks of the Yadkin River, Rowan County, North Carolina. At that time his family consisted of father, mother, seven sons and one daughter. In the Court House of Salisbury, Rowan County, North Carolina, is the original of an indenture between Daniel Boone of "Roan" County, and Rebecca, his wife, on the one part, and Aaron Van Cleave, of the county and province of North Carolina on the other part, conveying, for the sum of eighty pounds, six hundred and forty acres of land"Granted and sold to the said Daniel Boone by his father, Squire Boone, bearing the date ~~Ex~~ 12th of October, 1759, andconveyed to Squire Boone by deed of conveyance from the Right Honorable John, Earl of Granville, bearing the date December 29, in the year of Our Lord, 1753." Attached to this record is a note saying,..... " Daniel Boone, Planter, bought this tract from his father for 50 pounds." The date on which Aaron bought this land was February 21, 1764. Aaron Van Cleave attended and participated in the meetings of North Carolina which resulted in the appointment of the committee of patriots that drafted the famous Mecklenberg declaration of American Independence, May 20, 1775. Aaron died in 1780, and is burried in the Burning Rigg Cemetery, located at the forks of the Yadkin River, where his wife is also burried.

2. Aaron Van Cleave Sr. had, as above mentioned, seven sons and one daughter, all born in New Jersey. Though he died and was buried in North Carolina, all of his children migrated.... one son to Virginia, one to Ohio, and the other five sons, together with their sister to Kentucky. The names of the two sons who did not go to Kentucky are not preserved, and nothing is known of them. Of the remaining six children and there descendants, there is, however considerable ~~information~~ existing information.

It is not known, positively, just when the various children went to Kentucky, and the authorities differ. However, on one point all authorities agree. That point is: that all the children went to Kentucky alone or in groups of two or three ... over a period of years ranging from 1775 to 1785 inclusive. Furthermore it is known that Aaron Van Cleave Jr. accompanied by his brother Ralph Van Cleave, was the last to go, and that they went in 1785.

Aaron Van Cleave Jr. was born in New Jersay, but he migrated to North Carolina, in 1751, accompanied by his father, mother, six brothers and one sister. He, together with Benjamin, Ralph and Willis Van Cleave and others, signed a petition in North Carolina, undated, but shortly prior to 1775. (See Note). An unverified record says that Aaron served through the Revolution from North Carolina. In 1785 he came to Kentucky, settling in Marion County. In the fall of 1787, Joseph Carmen, Vincent Robbins, and Aaron Van Cleave started out from one of the stations, Squire Boone's, Whittaker's or Well's, to hunt Buffalo. When they were west of Drennon's Lick, they unexpectedly met a small party of Indians, who fired on them. Van Cleave had a finger, and a part of the breech of his gun shot off, but he and Robbins managed to escape and get to the settlements on the Bullskin and Brashear's Creeks. A party was raised, under the leadership of Robbins, to pursue the Indians. They went to the spot where Carmen was last seen, and finding blood on the ground, followed that trail about two hundred yards to a camp where they found Carm en's body dismembered and hung about on saplings. They gathered it up and took it back to Wells's station, his home, for burial.

Family history says that Aaron was unduly prominent when he came to Kentucky, because of his being the owner of the only wagon in his section of the state. So highly did he value the wagon that he permitted no one to use it unless he was there to care for it. The big double log house that he built shortly after his arrival in Marion County, in 1785 is still standing. Its original appearance having been altered many years ago, however, by a covering of weather boarding.

At some time Aaron married Rachael ~~Skaggs~~ Brent. Whether he married her in North Carolina or Kentucky is not known, however. He died in Marion County in 1805, and he and his wife are buried in the Thomas Church Graveyard, near Loretta, Kentucky.

Benjamin, a son of Aaron Sr. Van Cleave, was born in New Jersey. He came to North Carolina with his father and family in 1751, settling at the forks of the Yadkin River, in Rowan County. He Married Ruth Monson there, July 11, 1765. He migrated to Kentucky, but the exact date of that event is not preserved. He settled first in Lynn's Station, on Little Beargrass, Jefferson County, a few miles from the falls of the Ohio. He received two grants of land there, the records of which follow:

Van Cleave, Benjamin....400 acres. Book A. Page 5. Entry date, December 7, 1779. Watercourse : Brashears Creek.

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Benjamin Van Cleave, son of Aaron & Rachael(Schenck) Van Cleave, b. in N.J. ~~July 27~~ Nov.15, 1741; died in Shelby co.,Ky.,Jul.27,1819; married Jul.11 1765 in Rowan co.N.C. Ruth Monson, b. Jul.10,1746, d.Dec.5,1823. Benjamin with his bro. William and sister Jane Boone, wife of Squire Boone came from North Carolina to Kentucky in 1780 with Daniel Boone and his family. Benj. Van Cleave and wife Racheal had 13 chr.

Mary b.May 22,1766 m.Jonathan Ryker
Aaron b.Dec.15,1768 m.Elizabeth Van Cleave, dau. John(2)
Samuel b.Feb.25,1770 m.1st Elizabeth Wood, m.2d Sarah Garner
Rachel b.May 7,1772 m.Henry Smith
John b. Apr.17,1774 m. Margery Kerns, Nov.18,1794
Jane b.Jan.29,1778 m.Adam Wible
Unice b,Nov.15,1779 m. John Van Cleave
Sarah b.Dec.15,1781 m. John B. Van Cleave(Aaron Jr.)
Ralph b. Mar.18,1784 m. Elizabeth Stebbins
Benjamin b. Feb.9,1787 m. Mary Mount
William b. May 3,1789 m. Polly Mount
Hopey b.--- married Jonathan Wood
Thomas b. about 1799 married Mary Van Cleave

Samuel, son of Benj. & Ruth(Monson) Van Cleave, b.Rowan co.N.C. Feb.25, 1770 moved with his parents to Kentucky in 1780. He married about 1791 in Shelby co. Ky. Elizabeth, dau. of Abijah Wood, they had 7 chr. He married 2d Dec.31,1823 in Shelby co.,Ky. Sarah Garner b.1784 died Blakesburg, Ia. Apr.6,1859. Samuel had 2 chr. by 2d wife. He died Aug.25,1843 while returning from a preaching appointment his spirited horse became frightened by a violent storm and hurled him to the ground. Chr. Samuel Van Cleave -

1- Absalom was prob. the first cild of Samuel's have no data on him
2- Cyrus b.Nov.12,1795;died 1872; m.Shelby co.Ky. July 17,1817 to Malinda Mitchell, dau. Daniel & Mary(Overstreet) Mitchell, she was b.Mar.14,1799 and d.1872, her mother m 2d Robt.Wilson and moved to Indiana. Cyrus & Malinda Van Cleave had 12 chr
   His line on next page 1-Albert Mitchell Van Cleave b.Apr.13,1818, d. 1886
   2-Casander Jane b.Apr.25,1820, d.1827
   3-Amanda A. b.Aug.13,1822, d.1838, m.Tice Robinson and had son Cyrus W. Robinson b.1838
   4-Josiah S. b.Nov.19,1824, d.1846(Joseph)
   5-Hiram W. b.Mar.3,1827 m.1st Mary Carter, m.2d Mary Silk-knitter, m.3rd Amelia Hoadley
   6-Mary Overstreet b.Dec.4,1829, d.1914, m.1st Marion Grimes, m. 2d David Turpin
   7- Cyrus Marion b.Mar.2,1832, m.Amelia Redding
   8- Pliny or Polina Ellen b.Apr.5,1834 m.Alexander Cooper
   9-Cynthia Allen b.Jan.4,1836, d.1927, m.John Hardin Farley in Blakesburg,Ia.,1850
   10-Gabriel M. b.Apr.6,1838, d.1839
   11-Eliza Helen b.Jan.3,1840, d.1894, m. 1856 Samuel Aaron Swiggett
   12-Massa Adeline b.May 25,1845, d.1846
3- Hiram,son Samuel & Ruth Van Cleave, b.June 18,1797, d.Apr.30,1871 married Aug.25,1825 Paulina Mitchell, b.Mar.14,1799, d.Dec.22, 1872, she was the dau. of Daniel and Mary(Overstreet) Mitchell Mary Overstreet was the dau. of James and Mary Overstreet.

Chr. of Hiram & Paulina Van Cleave-

1-Cyrus m. Celia Rebacca Rader
2- Newton Brown b.Jul.11,1832, Putnam co.Ind. married in Ia. July 11,1852 Hannah Rader b.Nov.12,1834, theur dau. Paulina b.1853 m.1871 Chas. Miles Miller b.1849 and their dau. Minnie M. Miller m.Arthur Talbott Cook
3- James m. Sarah Tipton(Tifton)
4- Ahijah or Elijah m. Jane Ann Van Cleave (Texas)

(This Ahijah (Elijah may be the son of Samuel + Ruth Van Cleave

Chr. Samuel Van Cleave by 1st wife.
5- Polly m. Feb. 1812 Sam Williams (and their dau. Marriet (Harrie) married Thomas Jolly Van Cleave (Ben 3, Ben 2)
6- Cynthia m. June 20, 1817 James Allen and their dau. Miranda m. James Van Cleave (Enoch 4, Aaron 3, Ben 2) and they had a son Asa Benjamin in Oregon
7- William m. Paulina Cole and he m. 2d Sally ---

Chr. of Samuel in Van Cleave by his 2d wife Sarah Garner
Samuel m. Sally Teeters
Louisa or Eliza m. 1st Owen Barnett, m. 2d Mr. Preston

Albert Mitchell Van Cleave, son of Cyrus and Malinda (Mitchell) Van Cleave was b. Apr. 13, 1818, died 1886, married Massy McIntire in 1840 they had 10 chr.-
1- Eleanor b. 1841 died aged one yr.
2- Malinda b. Aug. 27, 1842, Park co., Ind.
3- Mary Ellen b. 1843 m/. Isaac Henry Hendrickson
4- Georgeanne b. Jan., 1848 living unm. Seattle, Wash.
5- Altamora Isabel b. 1850 m. B. F. Asbury at Blakesburg, Ia.
6- Larinda Margaret b. 1852 m. John Garlinghouse res. Yakima, Wash.
7- Cynthia Josephine b. 1855 m. Albert Townsend
8- John b. 1858 lived 3 days
9- Ida May b. 1859 m. Aaron Harlan, Blakesburg, Ia.
10- Massy McIntire b. 1862 died 1863

Malinda Van Cleave b. Aug. 27, 1842, Park co., Ind. died 1889, m. 1866 Lafayette Shaw Gosney b. 1841, d. 1910, their chr. were
1- Eleanor Gosney m. Harry Rose and they had Malinda, Cora & Mary
2- Lorena Gosney m. McHenry Martin and had Ivor Lisle, Bayard Cecil; Lionel Valroy, Cora, Malind Fay, Marion, Marcine, Matguerite and Lillian Lorene
3- Bartlett m. Bell (Slei) Shafer
4- Albert m. Lily Wave Parker and they had Alta, Alma & Ila
5- Harold m. Johanna Sinsky and they had Leo, Harold, Raymond, Winifred, Bertha, Hazel, Elmer, Dorothy & William Res. Home, Wyo.
6- Georgia m. Albert Wisda and they had John Albert Wisda
7- Mary Pearl m. Thos. Cahill and had Lila, Catherine & Helen
8- Ray was 14 months in World War
9- Carlisle

Data sent by Mrs. Mary R. Vallette, 734 37th St., Des Moines, Ia. data sent to her by Mrs. Wisda. Apr., 1932

Vancleave, Benjamin .... 1000 acres. Book A. Page 36. Entry date, April 29, 1780. Watercourse ; Clear Creek. Comments : Surveyed.

Benjamin soon moved to Shelby County, however, and there he remained until he died.

Samuel Graham. a contemporary of Benjamin Van Cleave, was born in 1775, in Virginia. He came to Kentucky in 1794, settling near Benjamin Van Cleave. James Trabue brought him as far as Bean's Station. on Holston. He is the authority for the following statements.

"Benjamin Vancleave lived down on Clear Creek, below Shelbyville. Two brothers: John and Benjamin. I visited them when I first came to this country. Benjamins wife died of cancer. Benjamin Van Cleave told me he camped on head of Tick Creek, and found a quantity of ticks there: and from that he called it Tick Creek. Tick Creek and Buffalo Creek head up together. Buffalo Creek goes off the other direction into Benson. (Tick Creek runs into Ciess' Creek.) He supposed that the buffalo had brought them (the ticks) there. There were cords of buffalo skuls here when I came here. Ben Van Cleave was a very fine man,"

Benjamin Van Cleave died in Shelby County in 1819. Extracts from his will follow:

Names wife, Ruth Van Cleave, and daughter-in-law, Polly Van Cleave. They are to share in farm, 113 acres. Names children of his daughter-in-law, who are his grandchildren, Elijah and Elvira Van Cleave, and they are to get certain property when twenty-one. Names two daughters, Jane and Sally. Names sons, Samuel and Aaron Van Cleave as executors of his estate. The will was dated October 17, 1815, and was probated in August, 1819. It was witnesses by William Ford and Alfred Mount. (Will book No.4, Page 474.) At the sale of the effects of the above Benjamin Van Cleave, much was bought by Thomas, William, Aaron, Cyrus, Joseph, Samuel, John, Ralph, and Benjamin Van Cleave. There was much personal estate disposed of, in the way of farm machinery, furniture, etc., Inventory consisted of several pages.

William Van Cleave, a son of Aaron Van Cleave Sr., was born in New Jersey and came to North Carolina with his family in 1751. He came to Kentucky with his brother Benjamin Van Cleave, settling at Lynn's Station, on Little Beargrass, a few miles from the falls of the Ohio. The Van Cleaves of this generation were Prebyterians, and were in the habit of attending preaching near the fort on Sundays. On one of these occasions they were supprised by a company of hostile Indians. Those who had horses mounted with all speed. Sally, a daughter of William Van Cleave, attempted to get up behind a young man to whom she was engaged to be married. Just as she had gotten her breast across the horse, an Indian warrior siezed her, dragged her from the horse, and split her head open with a tomahawk. The rest of the party reached home safely.

William Van Cleave was a drum major in the Revolution, serving, in 1780 from Kentucky. He received three land grants in London County, Kentucky, shortly after he settled there. The record of these grants for

these grants follow:

Van Cliff, William.... 720 acres. Book 1. Page 157. Date September 3, 1781. W atercourse : Paint Lick Creek.
Vancleave, William.... 280 acres. Book 1. Page 401. Date April 30, 1783. Watercourse: Paint Lick Creek.
Van Cleft, William ... 720 acres. Book 3. Page 214. Date surveyed, July 18, 1783. Lincoln County. Paint Lick Creek.

John Van Cleave, a son of Aaron Van Cleave, was born in New Jersey, and came to North Carolina in 1751, with his family. He married and had at least five children. In the Indian battle of Boone's and Floyd's defeats, on the 14th and 15th of September, 1761, his wife and two small children were killed. His daughter Rachael, about eighteen years old at the time, and her small sister whom Rachael carried in her arms, were captured by the Indians on the first day, but later were rescued, unharmed. Besides these four children there was a Benjamin, then about ten, who, while crossing the Floyd's Fork, about two miles from Long Run, at Floyd's defeat on the second day, fell off the horse into the water. At this place the water was rather deep, but he had presence of mind enough to catch hold of the horse's tail, and hold on until safe on the other side.

Some time after the death of his wife, John Van Cleave married a Mrs. Riker, whose husband was killed at the same battle of Floyd's defeat.

John Van Cleave went to Kentucky, and served in the Revolution from there, in 1870.

He received a grant of land in Jefferson County, the record of which follows:

Vancleave, John ... 300 acres. Book A. Page 213. Entry date, July 2, 1781. Watercourse, Bullskin Creek. Comments. Surveyed.

Ralph, a son of Aaron Van Cleave, was born in New Jersey. He is supposed to have been the youngest son. He came to North Carolina in 1751, with his family. He was educated for the Presbyterian Ministry at Princeton College, but returned to North Carolina, and migrated from therem in 1785, accompanied by his brother Aaron, to Kentucky. After living a number of years in Krntucky, he went to Indiana, and settled on a farm, west of New Market.

Jane, the only daughter of Aaron Van Cleave Sr., was born October 18, 1749, in New Jersey, the youngest child. She came to North Carolina in 1751 with her family, and settled at the forks of the Yadkin River, where the Boone family also lived, having settled there shortly after the Van Cleaves. Jane Van Cleave married Squire Boone, the youngest brother of Daniel Boone, in North Carolina, August 8, 1765. Squire Boone was born October 5, 1744, and died August 1815. Another recird says that he was

killed by the Indians in 1785. He explored a large part of Kentucky with his brother, Daniel, and later returned to North Carolina to get his wife and family, and bring them to Kentucky. Squire Boone was one of the two first representatives of the Kentucky County in the legislature of Virginia. Jane Van Cleave Boone died March 10, 1829, at the home of her son, Enoch Morgan Boone, at the mouth of Otter Creek, Kentucky. By her grandchildren she was called "Big Granny" to distinguish her from Jane (Hughes) Boone, whom they called "Little Granny".

3. Aaron Van Cleave Jr., who married Rachael Brent, had ten children, all born in the big log house which he erected in Marion County. They, and some of therie descendants were:

1- Cary Allen.
2- John B., married Sarah Van Cleave, his first cousin.
3 William.
5 Samuel.
6 Polly, married Mr. Love.
7 Ellen, married Mr. Bailey.
8 Rachael, married Mr. Shadowen
9 Mrs. Philips.
10 Betsy,
4 Joseph

Cary Allen Van Cleave (see above) was born August 23, 1802, and died May 14, 1865. He owned a large plantation and many slaves in Marion County, Kentucky, near Lebanon. He married (first) Sarah Beam, December 16, 1823. She was born October 20, 1805, and died ~~in~~ August 15, 1840. He married (second) Paulina Jane Bell. Cary Allen Van Cleave was a wealthy man, but when he died he left his fortune to the children of his second wife, who were, at the time, minors. Cary and his first wife are burried in the Thomas Church Graveyard. The burial place of his second wife is not known, though it may also be in the Thomas Church Graveyard.

Cary Allen Van Cleave was the father of seventeen children .. nine by his first wife, and eight by his second. They and some of their descendants are:

Henry Mason (see)
Alfred
Edward, died young
Cary
Joshua Brent, married Lucy Ann, the daughter of Thomas Percy and ... Payne Knott. She was born at the old Knott homestead, located on Prathers Creek, about two miles from Raywick, Marion County, Kentucky, which later came into possession of Lucy Ann and Joshua Brent Van Cleave, thus becoming the homestead of the Van Cleaves, and the birthplace of Benjamin Lawrence Van Cleave, and his brother and sisters.

Joshua Brent and Lucy Ann Knott Van Cleave are buried in the Knott-Van Cleave family lot, in the graveyard consisting of about two acres located about one mile southwest of Raywick. This graveyard is also the burial place of Thomas Percy and his wife,.... Payne Knott: Thomas Percy Knott Jr., ~~Walter Knott,~~ and also
Percy Knott Jr., Walter Knott and also

of Lillian and Fannie Van Cleave, daughters of Joshua Brent Van Cleave.

The children of Joshua Brent Van Cleave, and his wife Lucy Ann Knott Van Cleave were:

Thomas Webster Van Cleave, born February 23, 1869. He married Carry Fletcher of Louisville, Kentucky, and died September 5, 1895. He is buried in the Cave Hill Cemetery, in Louisville.

Benjamin Lawrence Van Cleave married Alevia Tucker, and had one son, James Watson.

Lillian Van Cleave.

Fannie Van Cleave.

Hattie Van Cleave, married (first) Mortimer E. Parrott, of Campbellsville, Kentucky, and had one son Mortimer E. Jr. She married (second) George Walford, and had one daughter, Clara.

Martha Van Cleave, married Charles E. Beach, in Oklahoma, later moving to Colorado.

To return to the children of Cary Allen/Van Cleave:

Ann.

Elizabeth, married George Wilson, and had two children, Fletcher and George.

Rachael.

Sarah, married J. R. Strange, and had one son, Wilbur.

Children by Cary's second wife:

John B.

Jackson.

Marcus Thomas, married Elizabeth Salding, and had one son, Lennie.

Alphonso, married Fannie Sweeney, and had two children: Cary Sweeney and Mary, who married Louis Edmund.

Lewis.

Thomas P., married Fannie ....., went to Louisiana, and had three children.

Anna Bell, married Alphonso Carter, and had one son, Joseph.

Joseph C., married Dollie Paralee Hudspeth, and had four children:

George Hudspeth, Born May 12, 1888. d. Jul. 23, 1929

Edna Pauline, married Mr. Mershon.

Annie Bell, married Mr. Bliss.

Carey, died young.

Henry Mason, the eldest son of Cary Allen Van Cleave, was born January 8, 1825, and died January 21, 1858. He married, Feb. 23, 1849, Eliza Jane Burks. She was born August 19, 1829, and died August 28, 1911. Eliza Jane Burks was born on the old Burks plantation, which later came into her possession and that of her husband, thus becoming the Van Cleave Homestead. This plantation was located near Loretta, Kentucky. Henry Mason Van Cleave was like his father, one of the big slave holders in the blue grass country of Kentucky. He was killed at the age of thirty-three, by one of his negro slaves, who was immediately hanged for his crime. Henry Mason was buried in the Thomas Church Graveyard,

on the lot on which his father and grand father are buried. Soon after his death the Civil War came along, together with the emancipation of the slaves. This completely ruined the family fotunes, and Henry Mason's son, James W allace, was obliged to support his mother and sisters at an early age.

Henry Mason's children were:
James Wallace (see)
Sarah Jane, born in 1854, died in 1926.
Luella Henry.
Alice, died young.

James Wallace Van Cleave was born July 15, 1849, and died May 15, 1910. He married, March 22, 1871, Katerine Louise Jefferson. She was born October 3, 1849, and died June 1, 1928.

Their children were:

Edith Corrine, born June 21, 1872, married , December 5, 1895, James Humphrey Fisher. She died July 1, 1930.

Hiram, died April 2, 1875, aged seven months and twenty-eight days.

Giles Bell, born June 15, 1877, married September 8, 1908, Florine Richardson. He died in 1929.

Lee Wallace, married (first) Alice Mysenberg, (second) Nancy Blair. He had one son, Eugene W allace, by his first wife, who married April 9, 1930, Virginia French, of Santa Fe., New Mexico.

Harry Fones, married Hazel Johnston and had three children: William Wallace, born July 7, 1913; Joycelyn, born January 6, 1919; and Marcia, born March 17, 1924.

Wilhelmina, twin sister of Harry Fones, married June 15, 1904, Frank F. Howard. She died June 29. 1906, a few days after her daughter, Wilhelmina, was born. Frank F. Howard died April 4, 1929, and his daughter, Wilhelmina, married Thomas Bay Vernon in June 1929.

Brenton Gardner, born September 16, 1889, married November 6, 1912, Richard Maltbie, the daughter of Judge Richard Maltbie. She was born February 23, 1889 and died August 1, 1923. They had three children:

?

James Wallace, born December 23, 1915.
Elizabeth, born January 23, 1920
Grace, born August 1, 1923. d. Sept. 13, 1923

Brenton Van Cleeve married (second) Frances Irene Savage, the daughter of Richard Savage.

4. Benjamin, the son of Aaron Van Cleave Sr., married Ruth Monson. They had ten children, who, together with some of their descendants, were:

Samuel (see)

William, married Polly Mount, September 24, 1811, in Shelby County, Kentucky. He died in 1815, intestate, but his widow, ~~was~~ Polly Van Cleave, was the adminitratrix. Joseph Williams was appointed guardian for the two minor children of William and Polly Van Cleave, namely, Elijah and Elvira Van Cleave.

He made reports at various intervals, October 18, 1819, and on until they were ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ of age. On March 21, 1833, he states that a full settlement was made for the years 1832 and 1832, and that Elijah Van Cleave was then of age. The two children, Elijah and Elvira, got their share of their father's estate, and also his pension. Perhaps he was in the war of 1812 or he could have been a soldier in regular service. The pension was paid at intervals of three months, each quarter they got $135.33 plus other things.

Aaron, married in 1791, Elizabeth, the daughter of Ralph Griffin
Eunice, married, in 1794, John Van Cleave.
Benjamin Jr., wife, Sarah, gets land in 1811.
Ralph, married Elizabeth (Betsy)Stubbins, February 27, 1805. She received certain lands in 1811.
John, buys cetain land in 1797.
Thomas, the infant heir of Benjamin Van Cleave, and perhaps the only one under age at the time of his father's death. Joseph Teage was his guardian, and he made regular reports for the years 1819-20.
Jane.
S ally.

Samuel Van Cleave (above) the son of Benjamin van Cleave, and his wife Ruth Monson, was born February 25, 1770, in Rowan County, North Carolina, and he died August 25, 1843, in Crawfordsville, Indiana. He married (first) Elizabeth, the daughter of Abijah Wood, or Woods, in 1793, in Kentucky. His second wife was Sarah Garner. Samuel Graham is again the authority for the following statements: "Ben Van Cleaves son, Samuel, afterwards a Baptist preacher, was going along woth a bag, and pompions in each end, thrown over his shoulders; it struck the Indian so violently he loosed his hold of Sam, and Sam ran. Sam Van Cleave had built him a new house. He was walking in his new large room as if it was finished, and thinking how he would dance over the floor, at a ball he intended giving, as soon as the house should be finished, when the words,' Thou fool. This day thu soul be required of thee.' came powerfully into his mind, and he turned to be a Baptist preacher. This his father told me.

About three years after his marriage, Samuel Van Cleave, while assisting his father in buliding a house, with a young man named Huron, went to the woods to cut poles. Their noise attracted some Indians who soon surroundes them. Huron siad he would die before he would be captured. He locked his hands around a sapling, and when the Indians failed to pull him loose, they killed him with tomahawks. Van Cleave ran, but was soon captures and carried to the shores of Lake Michigan. Here he met a man by the name of ~~Scott~~ Scott, who had been captured in Ohio. They spent about eight months in camp. When they had gained the confidence of the Indians, they were alowed to hunt unattended, and at their first opportunity they made their escape.

After several days and nights of travel, they reached the Ohio River, near Cincinnati. Scott turned eastward in search of his home, and Van Cleave crossed the river, travelled westward in search of his family, whom he found at his father's.

Mr. Van Cleave was an industrious, energetic man, and he accumulated some property. But he was excessively fond of revelry, and openly professed to be a Deist. This greatly greived his pious parents, but he continued his wild career until about 1809.

While engaged in building a resid ence for himself, he talked much about a big ball which he intended to have as soon as his house was finished. One day, while talking with his workmen on this subject, he started to dance back to the other end of the scaffold, when he seemed to hear a voice distinctly repeating in his ear, the words, " Thou fool. This day shall thy soul be required of thee." He came down from the scaffold, trembling like Belshazzar. He was so overwhelmed with a sense of wickedness that he refused to eat or deink for several days. His friends became alarmed, but finally he found peace and joy in a vivid sense of pardon through Jesus Christ. In April, 1810, he was baptized into the fellowship of the Fox Run Church, by Alan McGuire. In the following December he was licenced to exercise his gifts, thus he was the first preacher raised up in Fox Run Church. After preaching a few years in Shelby, and adjoining Counties, in Kentucky, he went to Indiana, settling in Crawfordsville.

1 Samuel's first wife, Elizabeth Woods Van Cleave, died in Shleby County, before Samuel went to Indiana, but he married again in Indiana. This wife was Sarah Garner, and he married her December 21, 1823.

Samuel Van Cleave died August 25, 1843, and is buried in the Old Town Cemetery near Crawfordsville, Indiana. His second wife went to Iowa after her husbands death, sttling at Blakesburg, where she died and is buried. She died at the age of seventy-five.

Samuel Van Cleave was killed in 1843, when, on his return from a preaching ~~engagement~~ appointment, he was overtaken by a violent storm. He was riding a spirited young horse, which became frightened, and suddenly dashed under a tree, that had fallen, and lodged just over the road. Mr. Van Cleave was hurled violently to the ground. When friends hurried to him they found his neck disjointed, and his spirit already flown.

6 Samuel Van Cleave had, in all, eight children. Seven of these were by his first wife, and one by the second. The children ~~of~~ by his first wife were:

~~xEliznxHelenxxbornxJanuaryxxSxx1840xxdiedxAprilx15xx1894x~~
~~marriedxSamuelxSniggetxx~~
~~xxBxxxxxAdxlinexxbornxMayxxSxx1845x~~

Cyrus, born November 12, 1795, and died in 1872. He is burried in Kansas. He married, July 17, 1817, in Shelby County , Kentucky, Malinda Mitchell. She was born March 14, 1799.

Hiram, born June 8, 1797, in Shelby County, Kentucky, and died April 30, 1871. He married August 25, 1825, Paulina Mitchell, a sister of Malinda Mitchell (above), in Shelby County. She was born March 14, 1799, and died December 22, 1872.

Alijah (Hygeia, Higa) married Jane Ann .....

Polly, married, in February, 1812, Sam Williams, in Shelby County, Kemtucky.

Cynthia, married June 20, 1817, James Allen, in Shelby County.

Samuel's children by his second wife, Sarah Garner:

Samuel, married, Sally Teeters.

William, married, Paullina Cole.

Louisa, married (first) Owen Barnett, (second) Mr. Preston.

Cyrus and Hiram Van Cleave (above) sold out in Crawfordsville Indiana, and moved to Iowa, settling at Blakesburg, which town was laid out in 1852 by Theophilus Blake and Cyrus Van Cleave. The latter was a fairly wealthy man, but he lent his fortune to a son, Hiram, of his, who lost it in buying cattle, which all died, to fatten. The first merchants of Blakesburg were: Butcher and Van Cleave (Cyrus).

Cyrus married Malinda Mitchell, and had ten children, which were:

Albert Mitchell, born April 13, 1818, and died April 2, 1886. He married Massy McIntyre about 1840. S he was born April 4, 1818, and died February 24, 1874.

Casander Jane, born April 25, 1820. She died October 3, 1827.

Amanda A.., born August 18, 1822, married Tice Robinson.

Josiah S., born November 19, 1824, died unmarried.

Hirum W., born March 3, 1827. Had three wives:
(first) Mary Carter
(second) Mary Silkknitter
(third) Amelia Hoadley

Mary Overstreet, born December 4, 1829, died June 11, 1914. married (first) Marion Grimes, (second) David Sidney Turpin.

Cyrus Marion, born March 2, 1832, married Amelia Redding.

Polina (Blina)Ellen, born April 5, 1834, married Alexander Cooper.

Cynthia Allen, Born January 4, 1836, died January 14, 1927, married John Hardin Forley.

Gabriel M., born April 6, 1838.

Eliza Helen, born January 3, 1840, died April 13, 1894, married Samuel Swigget.

Massa Adeline, born May 25, 1845.

Albert Mitchell Van Cleave, (above) married Massy McIntyre about 1840. They had ten children, which were:

Eleanor, born January 6, 1841, died October 5, 1841, buried in Indiana.

Malinda, born in Park County Indiana, August 27, 1842, died September 19, 1889, in Wapello County , Iowa. Is buried in the Brooks cemetery. She married Lafayette Shaw Gosney.

Mary Ellen, born near Waveland, Indiana, April 10, 1845, married Isaac Henry Hendrickson.

George Ann, born January 10, 1848. Unmarried and still living in Seattle, Washington.

Altimira Isabel, born March 8, 1850, died February 24, 1920. Marreid Benjamin Asbury.
Larinda Margaret, born Naovember 25, 1852, married John Garlinghouse, and lives in Yakima, Washingyon.
Cynthia Josephine, born May 29, 1855, married Albert Townsend, July 16, 1874, and still lives on the old homestead.
John, born May 15, 1858, died May 18, 1858.
Ida May, born June 13, 1859. Married Aaron Harlan, and still lives in Blakesburg, Iowa.
Massy McIntyre, born June 25, 1862, died March 5, 1863.

Hiram Van Cleave (see page preceeding) married Paullina Mitchell, and had three children which were:
Cyrus, married Celia Rebecca Rader.
Newton Brown, born July 11, 1832, in Indiana. He married, in 1851, Hannah Rader, in Iowa. She was born November 12, 1834.
James, married Sarah Tipton.

Newton Brown Van Cleave (above) married Hannah Rader, and had one daughter, who was:
Paullina Van Cleave, born 1853, and married in 1871, Charles Miles Miller.

Paullina Van Cleave,(above) married Charles Miles Miller, and had one daughter who was:
Minnie Myrtle, married Arthur Talbott Cook, and had one daughter, Pauline,

3. Ralph, a son of Aaron Van Cleave Sr., and his wife, Rachel Schenck, married and had seven children, but the name of his wife is not preserved. His children were:
Johnathan, married in Shelby County, Kentucky, September 6, 1827, Elizabeth, the daughter of Aaron Van Cleave. Soon after his marriage he made a journey on horseback, from Shelby County, Kentucky to Montgomery County, Indiana, settling in a farm 3½ miles west of New Market. He was a Predestinarian Baptist Minister, having been ordained November 17, 1849, and he preached practically all his life throughout central Indiana. His home church where he was minister, was Indian Creek, just west of New Market, and he was a faithful advocate of the Predestinarian Baptist's ~~faith~~ doctrine until his death which occured March 5, 1900, his wife having died April 23, 1886.
To return to Ralph Van Cleaves children:

William,
Lucy,
Malinda,
Jane,
Nancy,
Emily,

Johnathan Van Cleave,(above) married Elizabeth Van Cleave and had nine children, which were:
William, died unmarried.
David, married Emeline Davis.
Lucy, married Mark Skelton.

Ralph, married Catherine Coons.
Jane, married William S. Coons.
Ransom, married Sarah Zerface.
Adam, married Martha E. McConnell, and located in Trenton, Missouri.
Aaron, died unmarried.
Emily, married Mark Badgerly.

Ralph (above) married Catherine Coons, and had twelve children, which were:
Johnathan, married Mary F. Coons.
Mary E. married Levi M. Coons.
Charles, died in childhood. Minerva J. d. unmarried
John R., married (first) Nancy Van Cleaves (second) Etta M. Sanders.
James, marreid (first) Maggie Dowers, (second) Ethel Webb Van Cleave.
Lucy A., married Amos S. Goff.
Henry F., married, (first) Rosa J. Patton,(second) Grace Wood.
Emma C., married D. Carelton Moore.
Laura, died in childhood.
Joseph, died in childhood.
George W., married Winnie Phillips, ~~and had twelve children which were~~

George W., (above) married Winnie Phillips, and had two children, which were:
Clandine, married F. M. Mason Jr.
Leon F., married ~~XXXXX~~ Eileen R. Collins.

4. Jane, the only daughter of Aaron Van Cleave Sr., married Squire Boone Jr. the younger brother of Colonel Daniel Boone. They had five children, which were:
Johnathan Boone, born August 30, 1766, in North Carolina, at the forks of the Yadkin River. He married, April 11, 1793, Mrs. Catherine Fullenwider, and died March 9, 1837. She was born December 9, 1768, and died January 19, 1842, aged 73 years, one month and ten days.
Moses Boone, born February 23, 1769, in North Carolina at the forks of the Yadkin River.
Isaiah Boone, born March 13, 1772, in North Carolina, at the forks of the Yadkin River.
Sarah Boone, born September 26, 1774, in North Carolina, at the Forks of the Yadkin River.

Enoch Morgan Boone, born October 16, 1777, in Kentucky at Fort Boonesboro.

Johnathan Boone (above) married Mrs. Catherine Fullenwider, and had three children, which were:

Frances Anne (Fanny) Boone, born January 6, 1794, died July 4, 1820. She married her cousin , Colonel Hiram C. Boone, who was born July 3, 1789.

Isaiah Boone, born September 25, 1795. Died early.

Sophia Boone, married Lewis Carroll, and died in early womanhood. She was said to have been very beautiful.

5. Cornelius, the son of Isaborant, and the grandson of Jan Van Cleef, resided on Staten Island, where he married Sara Marshall. Vert little is know of this Cornelius, but his birth date is given as about 1710, though it must have been several years later. He is known to have signed his name with a mark, and his descendants spell their names either "Van Cleft" or "Van Cleif". He had at least one son, who was:

Jan (John) baptized April 26, 1736, in the Dutch Church of Port Richmond, Staten Island, and settled about the time of his xx majority in the Minnisink district, which included parts of the present Orange County, New York, and of New Jersey. He had five sons and one daughter. The sons were:

John
Corneius
Jesse
Joseph
Benjamin, the twin brother of Joseph.

The daughter, whose name has not been preserved, married an Ives.

Joseph Van Cleave (above) was born at Minnisink, where he resided. He was by trade a millright. He died in 1814, and married Elizabeth Dunning, who died January 7, 1848. They had six children, which were:

Hector
Lewis
Ann Eliza
Sarah
Jane
Katura

Lewis Van Cleft (above) was born March 4, 1805, at Minnisink, and died in July, 1870, at New Windsor, Orange County, New York. In early life he was employed in a woolen mill at Phillipsburg, New York, but after his marriage he settled on a farm of one hundred acres, which he purchased in the town of New Windsor, there ending his days. He married in Blooming Grove, Orange County, Henrietta Woodruff Cooper, February 19, 1834. His children were:

Henry
6 Joseph
Sarah E.
Lewis A.

6- Joseph Van Cleft (above) was born June 17, 1836, in New Windsor, and attended the district schools of the neighborhood until 1852. At the age of sixteen he was employed as a clerk in a hardware store at Middleton, New York, and was subsequently engaged in the same capacity in New York City, and still later in Kansas City, Missouri, where he remained two years. In 1863, he settled in Newburgh, New York, and established a hardware and agricultural emplement business having a partner. Three years later he purchased the interest of his partner, and conducted the business alone until 1887, when he was joined by his brother, Lewis A. Van Cleft, under the style"Joseph Van Cleft and Company". In 1909 he purchased the interest of his b brother, and soon after closed out the business. Upon the organization of the Columbus Trust Company of Newburgh, in 1893, Mr. Van Cleft was chosen vice-president, and since 1897 he has been president of that institution..... He is a member of the American Reformed church.

He married May 5,1869, Edwina Story Smith, yougest dau. of O.M. Smith, gr.dau. of Jonas Story, lawyer of Newburg in early days, she died Apr.24,1891 leaving five children - Josephine; Edwin L.; Augusta M.; Alberta and Barclay

6- Van Clief branch of descendants of Cornelius, son of Isabrent Van Cleef

Jesse Van Clief, son of Jan and gr-son of Cornelius,(brother of Joseph whose descendants are given) was born in Minnisink . He was a ship blacksmith employed in the construction of famous warships among which was the "Constitution". While working on this vessel he broke his leg and in order not to delay the construction he was transported from Staten Island to the Brooklyn Navy Yard on a couch to superintend the rigging of the vessel. He fought in the war of 1812 in which he lost his hearing. He married Margaret Moore and had ten children. Among them was Benjamin who died on Staten Island as a result of a wound received in the Mexican War.

John H. Van Cleif, son of Jesse was ten years old when his father died. He established a lumberyard in Port Richmond, his son John H. Jr. was county clerk, anotherson William S. carried on his father's business.

Jacob (son of Jesse) was probably b. ~~xxxNewxYorkx&xxx~~ near Minnisink. He lived in New York City and married ------

John Henry (son of Jacob above) b.Dec.16,1812 in New York City, married Jannette Vreeland, b.at Clifton,Staten Island June 25,1814. Their chr. were -

Elizabeth b. 1837, m.Erasmus Sterling
Georgine b. 1838, m.Nicholas Davis
Julia b. 1840, m.Jacob A. Janin
John Henry b.1844, m. Helen Harrison
Adeline b. 1850, m.Granville W. Nichols
Eloise b. 1852, m.Edward D. Schoonmaker
William Sterling b.1859 (see below)

William Sterling b. at Stapleton, Staten Island, May 24,1859, belonged to the Dutch Reformed church. he married at Buffalo, N.Y. June 27, 1883, Adelaide Cornelia b.Dec.27,1859, dau. John Chas. and Mary (De Cie) Carroll, their chr. were - Wm.Carroll b.1885; Anna Clara b.1887; Cortlandt b. 1888 and Ray Allen b. 1889.

7- Benjamin(son of Isabrant and a grandson of emigrant Jan Van Cleef, bapt. Apr.19,1715 in the Dutch Reformed church at Port Richmond,Staten Island. He went to New Jersey with his family settling at Monmouth county. He married in Middletown, Sept.9, 1734 Rachel Covenhoven. She was b. 1713 and d. Mar.10,1801. He died July 3,1775. Their chr. were - *John; Benjamin b.1747,d. July 27,1836; William b.1752, d. 1813; Ann b.1754; Jane b.1756; Rachel b.1757 and five others.

John (above) b.May 15, 1749, New Brunswick, N. J. was ambushed and killed by Indians near Cincinnati, June 1,1791. He married Aug.1,1771 at New Brunswick Catherine Benham, b.1756, d.Aug.6,1837. John's service in the Revolutionary war in his father's company was as private and guide.(This is the only record we have of his father's service.)About 1785 he took his family to Washington co.Pan. but they soon went to Ohio,landing in Cincinnati Jan.3,1790. Their chr. were -

1- Benjamin b. 1773 (see below)
2- William prob. b.Feb.1777, m. 1800 Effie Westfall who d. abt. 1812-13, he m. 2d in 1814. He rasied and commanded a co. in the War of 1812. He had ~~afrm~~ a farm in Van Buren twp. and kept a tavern in Dayton on Jefferson and Warren streets
3- Mary
4- two other boys who deid in infancy and four more girls one of which died in infancy

Benjamin(son of John and Catherine) was b, Feb.24,1773; d.Nov.21, 1821. He married Aug.28,1800 Mary Whitten, b.Feb.7,1782, d.Dec. 18,1810 (For this Benjamin see his Memoirs and the Hotel Van Cleve) Their chr. were-

1- John Whitten b.June 27,1801, d.1858
2- William James b.Oct.10,1803
3- Henrietta Maria b. Nov.16,1805
4- Sarah Sophia b.Nov.24,1809 (see below)

Sarah Sophia b. Nov,24,1809, d.Oct.18,1839, m. Feb.11,1830 David C. Baker, b.1808, d.1884, their chr. were - Mary S.; Clara B.; Charles G. and David Van Cleve (see below)

David Van Cleve b. May 30,1839, m.Jane C. Hawkins, b.1840, d.1892 their chr. were - Ida Henrietta; Frank; Flora Van Cleve; Helen; David C.; Nathan H.; Sarah S.; and John Van Cleve.

8- Benjamin Van Cleve Jr. (son of Benj. sr. and gr.son of Isabrant) was b. Feb.28,1747; d.Jul.27,1826, m.Dec.11,1770 Mary Thompson who d.Feb.6,1838 aged 90 yrs. 1 mo. and 11 days, they are both buried in the old Tennent church yard in N.J. Benjamin was an ensign in Capt. Hendrick Smocks' co., First Regt. N.J. militia also Lieutenant in same co. and capt. of it in 1780, he may have had two wives as a hald brother of his own children is mentioned later. Chr. of Benj. & Mary were-

1-John had a son Thompson
2-Isaac (see below)
3- Benjamin m. Elizabeth Funk and they had chr.Rebecca,Jane Samuel, Mary, Benj., George,James, Lydia Ann, Elizabeth and William who had 3 chr. Elizabeth, John and Hannah

Isaac (above) was b. Jan.5,1790, d.Nov.3,1837 at Richbora,Pa. m. Ann Wyncoop b.1795, d.1860, they had 10 chr. who were -

Chr. of Isaac amd Mary (Wyncoop) Van Cleve
Wnycoop b. 1814, d. 1832
Benjamin b. 1816
Joel b. 1817
Mary b. 1820
Rachael C. b. 1821
Jonathan b. Apr. 27,1825
John Cuelely b. May 11,1827
Charles Wagner b. Jan. 17, 1829 (see below)
Susanna b. Mar.15,1835

Charles Wagner Van Cleve was b. Jan.17,1829, d.Apr.29,1882; m. at Lockport, N.Y. Dec.16,1860 Julia Ann Loucks. They had 12 children, among them Jennie Ruth Van Cleve b. Jan.17,1875 and who married William J. Sullivan

Kentucky Historical Society, Frankfort, Ky. Aug.23,1930

Mr. J. W. Van Cleve:
My dear Sir:

Your letter of Aug.22 asking for copy of the certificates issued to Charles Burks, A. Vancleave and Aaron Van Cleave and recorded in Book 1, Military Certificates of Kentucky received this morning.

In the "Compact with Virginia" made with Kentucky was about to become a seperate state it was agreed among other things that the the new state was to assume the payment of all "a just proportion of the debt of the U. S. and the payment of all certificates granted on account of several expeditions carried on from the Kentucky district against the Indians since Jan.1,1785."

There were several of thses expeditions against the Shawnee and Wabash Indians northwest of the Ohio river, principally under the command of Gen. George Rogers Clark and Col. Benjamin Logan and these claims were presented to the Auditor of Kentucky, beginning Sept.1,1800. Nearly all these certificates were dated Aug.10,1787 The service was of course post-revolutionary but gives elegibility to the Societies of Sons and Daughters of the War of 1812.

The records for which you have asked are as follows-

(Page 56 - Charles Burks, Cert.No.6444- Service under Gen.Clarke against Wabash Indians) Aug.10,1787 I.16.4

Page 59 - A. Vancleave- Cert. no.102 (Ser. under G.R.Clarke) against Wabash Indians) issued Aug.10,1787 2.6.2.

Page 46 - Aaron Vancleave- Cert.no.1380(Ser.under Geo.R.Clarke) against Wabash Indians) issued Aug.10,1787. 3.15.0

Page 46 - Aaron Vancleave- Cert no.607(ser.under Geo.R.Clarke) against the Wabash Indians. issued Aug.10,1787. I.16.4

The warrant to Charles Burke was paid to John Handley, June 26, 1801 and that to A. Vancleave was paid to And.Nixon Oct.1,1801 and the two to Aaron Vancleave were both paid to Robert Chaddock, Feb.13,1801.

The day this warrant was presented by Robert Craddock he also presented warrants from 34 other claimants the amounts(paid in pounds and shillings) wre all small, ranging from six shillings to nine pounds and had probably been assigned to Robert Craddock by the original holders.

Yours very truly
Janett Taylor Cannon,Sec.

May I ask if you saw in "The Register for Jan.,1930, the account of "Harrod's Old Fort,1791." as copied from the original manuscript reminiscences of Benjamin Van Cleve.